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SECOND MONTANA HISTORY BOOK
RELEASED BY UM PRESS

MISSOULA---

"The Frightful Punishment," the walloping story of a frontier prizefighter named Con Orem, has been released by the University of Montana Press as its latest chapter on the roaring history of Montana.

Author of the new book is Dr. Warren J. Brier, dean of the UM School of Journalism. The book's elements were gleaned from his studies of the Montana Post, first newspaper in the state.

Concerning his subject, Dr. Brier said, "It is not unreasonable to suggest that Con Orem was known better, perhaps admired more, than any individual in Montana Territory from 1865 to 1868. Orem symbolized the coo and bellow of the Montana frontier. Outside the ring he was a respected citizen, a gentleman, a prosperous businessman. Inside he was a bundle of venom."

In taking his place beside the better known statesmen, vigilantes and bad men of Montana's early history, Orem opens up a whole chapter on the manners and morals of the gold camps.

In Brier's chronicle, all of the six Great Glove Fights of Orem's professional career are described, including one that ran to an incredible 185 rounds.

Whether any of these fights would have been considered great by modern standards is a matter of conjecture. That they were considered great by Montanans of the 1860's is a matter of fact, according to the author.

Jack Ryan, UM alumni editor, said "The Terrible Punishment" like its predecessor volume by the University Press, "Copper King at War," is being distributed by the Montana Historical Society.